

Provost Harvey Corson to become VP for Pre-College Programs Oct. 1

Gallaudet Provost Harvey Corson has been appointed senior vice president for Pre-College Programs, effective Oct. 1, President I. King Jordan announced Aug. 20.

In his new position, Dr. Corson will continue as the University's senior vice president, retaining the responsibility for administration of the University in the president's absence. Corson will begin immediately devoting an increasing amount of attention to Pre-College Programs.

Beginning Oct. 1, academic deans and directors will report directly to Dr. Jordan while the University continues to examine the administrative structure for Academic Affairs.

"I am delighted to have a person of Dr. Corson's stature for this significant position," Jordan stated. "His dynamic leadership style, his extensive experience, and his excellent reputation as a nationally recognized leader in the education of deaf students make him an ideal choice for this extremely important post."

Corson said of his appointment, "As Pre-College Programs continues to grow and evolve, it is essential that all of us—parents, students, faculty, and staff members—come together to ensure the best possible education for deaf and hard of hearing children. I am eager to begin this new challenge and very much look forward to working more closely with the Pre-College community."

Jordan noted that Pre-College serves students from birth to age 21 and that its \$22 million budget totals nearly one-third of the entire federal appropriation to the University. Corson will provide leadership in de-

veloping new agreements between the United States Department of Education, the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, and Kendall Demonstration Elementary School, Jordan said.

Corson was named provost in 1990. As the University's chief academic officer, he has worked closely with the faculty on governance, compensation, and faculty development. Corson established task forces that resulted in significant improvements in instructional space usage, summer programs, and conference management. He also established the new academic computing unit and an ongoing task force on academic and administrative information systems. He has supported efforts to establish an academic unit focusing on American Sign Language and Deaf Studies, and the Comprehensive Community Counseling Center.

Corson met with Pre-College faculty and staff on Monday, Aug. 24, to welcome them back for the 1992-93 academic year and discuss goals and plans for the area.

He noted that in discussions with Jordan, both agreed that with Pre-College's dual role—to provide academic programs and also to function as a national demonstration program—the area warranted a separation from Academic Affairs and a vice presidency.

Corson also noted that new legislation and reauthorization of the Education of the Deaf Act, which he said is expected to be passed this year, has several new features. They include following P.L. 94-142—now known as Individuals with Disabilities

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D.C. firefighters and Gallaudet staff inspect fire damage at MSSD House 400. No one was injured in the Aug. 13 blaze, which started in a basement storage area.

Fire strikes MSSD House 400; fund for McMillan family established

A storage room and part of a basement stairwell in House 400, a townhouse owned by Gallaudet in the complex behind the Model Secondary School for the Deaf gymnasium, were damaged in an Aug. 13 fire.

No one was injured in the blaze.

Wilton McMillan, director of Student Life at MSSD, and his family lived in the townhouse. Six people, including the three McMillan children, another child, and two babysitters, were in the townhouse when the fire started, but evacuated safely. Both of the family's cats also survived the fire.

The townhouse suffered minor smoke and heat damage to upper floors. All the windows were broken by firefighters in order to allow smoke to escape, and a portion of a first floor wall was also damaged by firefighters while fighting the blaze.

The cause of the fire, which started in the storage room at approximately 3:15 p.m., had not been determined by press time, and the D.C. fire marshal had not finished his report, according to Charles Mann, director of Business Services.

The fire marshal has determined that the fire started in a corner of the storage room near a large vent, Mann said. Most of the smoke traveled up the vent to the second floor, delaying detection of the fire by both the occupants of the house and by the first-floor smoke detector.

The fire was detected when Diane Kubey, one of the babysitters, smelled smoke, according to Lee Gaskins, manager of the Department of Safety and Security (DOSS). Kubey and the other babysitter, Sherri Ross, quickly got the children out of the house and called

DOSS. Soon after DOSS was notified, the second-floor smoke detector activated the building's fire alarm.

DOSS officers Gregory Borges and Richard Dean responded to the call and requested assistance from the D.C. Fire Department, which extinguished the fire.

"The officers did a good job of responding to the alarm quickly and making sure that spectators remained in a secure area," Gaskins said. "Likewise, the D.C. Fire Department arrived at the scene quickly after the officers notified them."

"Fire alarms occur frequently at Gallaudet," Gaskins said. "This time it was a real alarm. If a fire alarm is activated, people should always clear the building. People should never take it for granted that a false alarm is taking place."

Gallaudet's insurance company has already hired contractors to repair House 400. The work is expected to be finished soon, according to Mann.

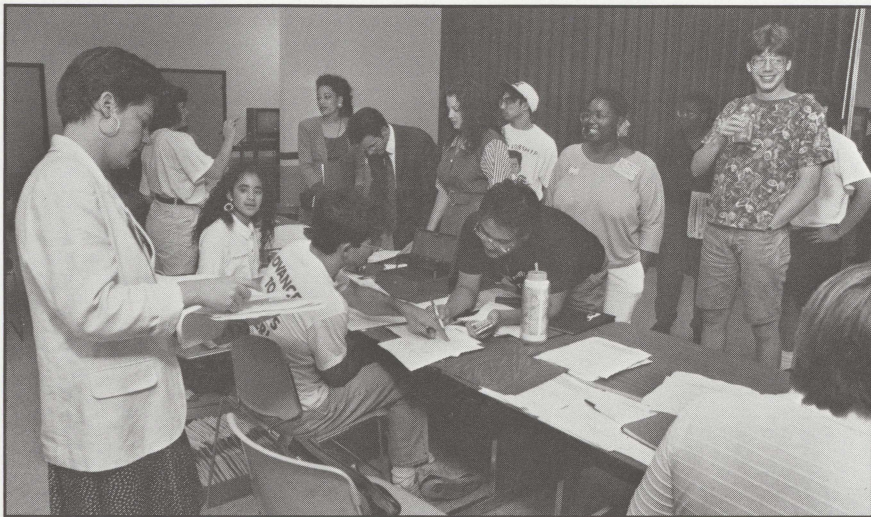
The McMillans are now living off campus with Dwight Benedict, the University's director of Student Life, and his wife, Beth.

A fund has been established to help the McMillans with expenses related to the fire. Donations should be sent to Renee Newman in the MSSD Office of Budget Management. Checks should be made out to Wilton or Jennifer McMillan.

"We want to thank everyone for being so helpful," McMillan said. "You forget how wonderful the community can be until you have to deal with a crisis like this. We especially want to thank the Benedicts. We also thank the babysitters for getting the kids out quickly."



Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas meets with Gallaudet students (from left) Stephen Hardy, Allan Bernier, John Moore, Dean Prentice, and John Healy at the Supreme Court. The students were participants in the Jeffrey I. Salosbin Seminar for the Study of Criminal Justice sponsored by Experiential Programs Off Campus. (Photo by Sarah Hood.)



The many groups meeting at Gallaudet this summer included the U.S. Student Association's national congress, where representatives selected issues to take to Capitol Hill.

Corson reviews goals for Pre-College

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Education Act (IDEA)—more closely; paying more attention to Individualized Education Plans (IEPs); and a new agreement with the University related to KDES/MSSD and the U.S. Department of Education.

In speaking about what he saw as the appropriate philosophy of any good school, Corson said that children are the number-one priority and that all faculty, staff, and administrators must be good role models and have positive attitudes. This includes respect for each other, children, parents, and other people who visit, he said. Although disagreements may occur, "it shouldn't stop us from doing good work and being professional."

Professionalism also means following school policy, said Corson. "We can't be a good demonstration school if people don't know what the school policies are and what our responsibilities are," he said.

As educators, said Corson, Pre-College must address the language and communication needs of children, and help parents become more effective parents. Making the schools, outreach programs, research, and evaluation more effective is "our basic charge for this year."

In speaking about plans for Fiscal Year 1992-93, which begins Oct. 1,

Corson said that he hopes to have enough money to continue reducing the number of stages in the faculty pay scale and to provide the \$250,000 for Outreach that is mandated by law. This would allow Pre-College to add two new Educational Resource Centers on Deafness to the existing network. In addition, plans are under way to establish a nationwide computer network between Pre-College and 90 schools throughout the nation.

Plans are being made to implement two special programs this fall, said Corson. To better recognize the needs of African-American and Latino students at KDES and MSSD, two new positions are being created for multicultural achievement specialists. He also said that because "children come first and we come second," he is supporting new classrooms with furniture, equipment, and supplies, with the money coming from Provost Office funds.

Corson shared three goals for the coming year. The first is student achievement, which still needs to be improved. He suggested that instead of starting with the children—who "have been analyzed enough already—we need to start analyzing ourselves," including attitudes toward children. Needs of Spanish-speaking and African-American children must be considered, and also the differing needs of deaf children from deaf families and those with hearing parents. "We all tend to use one mode for all children," he said. "We've learned enough now that we have to vary it."

As part of these attitudes, "we need to address communication needs of all students who come here," Corson said.

Second, all at Pre-College need to recognize its national mission and explore ways of allowing people to participate in this mission, said Corson.

The third goal for the year is related to research, said Corson. Pre-College will be involved in a research program to look into language and communication, including the use of American Sign Language in an educational setting. Some faculty members will be involved as teacher researchers, and ideas are needed on elements to be incorporated into the research, Corson said. He noted that he has been working with the Gallaudet Research Institute on plans and steps are now being made to establish a Research Advisory Committee that will include parents, faculty, staff, and administrators from Pre-College.

University to host 'ASL in schools' bilingual education conference

Gallaudet will host "ASL in Schools: Policies and Curriculum," a conference on American Sign Language and bilingual education programs for deaf and hard of hearing students Oct. 28-30.

Sponsored by the Department of Education, the Department of Sign Communication, and the College for Continuing Education, the conference will cover questions facing educators as they develop policies, explore processes, and tackle the transition from English-only communication to bilingualism. The conference will focus on theories, research findings, and current practices in bilingual education, seeking ways to transcend the gap between theory and practice.

The conference is being coordinated by Joseph Innes, an assistant professor in the Department of Education, Lynn Jacobowitz, assistant professor in the Department of Sign Communication, and Jacqueline Mann, a coordinator of extension programs in the College for Continuing Education.

The conference is a prelude to a larger conference planned for October 1993 that will focus on theories, research findings, and current practices in bilingual education.

Participants will have the opportunity to question national experts in the field of bilingual education for deaf and hard of hearing people and to discuss policy issues facing educators, according to Mann.

Three plenary presentations are planned. Dr. Sam Supalla, an assistant professor and the director of Sign Language Studies in the division of Special Education and Rehabilitation at the University of Arizona will present "Language Access and Deaf Children: Policy Considerations."

Steve Nover, an instructor in the Sign Language Studies/Deaf Studies Program in the School of Education at the University of Arizona, will present "ASL and Language Planning in Deaf Education."

Correction

In the Aug. 17 edition of *On the Green*, Dr. Robert Panara, an author and former professor in Gallaudet's English Department, was incorrectly referred to as being deceased.

Laurene Gallimore, supervising teacher in the elementary department of the Indiana School for the Deaf, will present "How to utilize ASL as the Language of Instruction in the Classroom."

The registration fee is \$100 before Oct. 1 and \$125 after that date. The registration deadline is Oct. 20. For more information, call Mann at x5551.

Announcements

The Gallaudet Interpreting Service (GIS) has opportunities for free-lance interpreting assignments during evening hours. Faculty and staff who are interested can apply to the GIS office in Chapel Hall. Payment ranges from \$18-\$26 per hour.

Gallaudet community members who use their consortium cards to borrow books from any of the member libraries of the Washington Research Library Consortium can now return those books at the Gallaudet University Library. For more information, ask at the Reference Desk, or call x5217 (V) or x5216 (TDD).

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) will hold an orientation to the NAD Interpreter Assessment Program for Maryland residents and officials on Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at its conference room at 814 Thayer Ave., Silver Spring, MD. The orientation will include viewing tapes and materials used for the evaluation. Consumers and interpreters are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Grace Netti, NAD communication access program coordinator, at (301) 587-1789 (TDD) or (301) 587-1788 (V).

The Friends of the Kennedy Center are offering a sign-interpreted tour of the center on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 10 a.m. Tours for people with visual disabilities and who use wheelchairs also are available Sept. 12 between 10 a.m. and noon. For more information or reservations, call (202) 416-8300 (V) or (202) 416-8524 (TDD) weekdays from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Classified Ads

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FOR RENT: Basement BR, share kitchen and W/D, 5-min. walk to Kendall Green, avail. Sept. 1. \$210 and \$230/mo. plus 1/2 elec. Call John, x3113 (TDD), or E-mail 11JULHOLLAN.

FOR SALE: Mini refrigerator, \$75; mattress and box spring, like new, \$80. Call John, x3113 (TDD), or E-mail 11JULHOLLAN.

WANTED: Share 3-BR/2-bath house in Cheverly, Md., 6 mi. from Kendall Green, 1 mi. from Metro, 3 blocks from bus stop. \$275/mo., incl. util. Call (301) 773-8214 (TDD) or E-mail CLPETERS.

FOR SALE: '81 Buick Riviera, gold, full

options, runs smooth, \$2,000/BO. Call Hamid, (301) 497-9982, or E-mail 11HAJEBIAN.


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FOR SALE: 11-in. Quasar color TV, good cond., \$40/BO; Bentley 5-in. B/W deluxe portable, full 82 channels, \$50/BO. Call Thomas Corcoran, x3115 or (301) 794-6740 (TDD), or E-mail TSCORCORAN.

WANTED: 2 nonsmoking professionals or grad. students to rent room w/bath in townhouse, Silver Spring, Md., living room, storage, kitchen privileges, view of pond, no pets, CAC, fireplace, W/D, DW, microwave, clubhouse, free shuttle to Metro, rent plus util. Call (301) 933-8055 (TDD) eves.

FOR RENT: Large room \$350 (\$500 couple), small room \$250, in Silver Spring, Md., house. Share privileges (garage, 3 1/2 bathrooms, fireplace, weight room, basement, pool, and clubhouse), must like cats, have own trans., move in anytime. Call (301) 890-3807 (TDD) after 6 p.m.

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